

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 1, line 22, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- The portable handheld edge cutter of the invention is for edging a lawn or cutting turf. The portable handheld edge cutter includes: a guide tube; a cutterhead connected to the guide tube; the cutterhead including a gear housing; the gear housing having a first side and a second side lying oppositely to the first side; a first wheel rotatably journalled on the first side of the gear housing; a cutting blade arranged at the second side of the gear housing; the gear housing including a gearing output shaft for rotatably driving the cutting blade; a second wheel disposed between the cutting blade and the gear housing; and, the first and second wheels being rotatably journalled coaxially to the output shaft. --

The paragraph starting at page 4, line 7, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- As shown in the enlarged view of FIG. 2, the cutterhead 2 has a gear housing 8 on which a receptacle 23 is formed for the guide tube 4. The receptacle 23 is configured to be approximately tubular-shaped. In the gear housing 8, a gear unit (not shown) is mounted which converts the rotation of the drive shaft 5 about the rotational axis 32 into a rotation of the output shaft of the gear unit about the rotational axis 29. The

first wheel 7 is supported on a bearing sleeve 14 on the gear housing 8 on a first end 27 of the gear housing 8 shown in FIG. 4. The bearing sleeve 14 is configured to be one piece with the second gear housing part 21 which forms the gear housing cover. On the end 28 of the gear housing 8 likewise shown in FIG. 4, a second wheel 6 is rotatably journaled by a bearing sleeve 13. The end 28 of the gear housing 8 lies opposite the end 27. As shown in FIG. 2, the bearing sleeve 13 is configured as one piece with a first gear housing part 20 of the gear housing 8. The bearing sleeves 13 and 14 have comparatively large outer diameters so that the friction forces between the hubs of the wheels 6 and 7 and the bearing sleeves ~~13, 14~~ (13, 14), respectively, are low. In this way, wear is reduced. --